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add to its sweetness, but tend to make it more wholesome for the cattle.

The cattle are not the only animals that derive advantage from the fields and meadows, since almost every hedge and ditch abounds with those medicinal plants, which are found so useful in many disorders. You have both of you, my dears, drank nettle tea, you have eat water-creffes, and I know you are both fond of blackberries, which will by and by be ripe. Nothing grows in that hedge we are now viewing, but what may be applied to some use or other.

See with what unconcern the cattle crop the verdant grass. Nature is their cook; for they want none of their victuals dressed for them, nor are any French sauces necessary to make it palatable. Their food springs beneath their feet, and they have only to stoop to eat it. Thus, my dear children, you see that God has provided for all the creatures of his creation, and none have any just right to com-

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complain. The cattle never do; but little boys and girls, and sometimes old folks likewise, are too apt to be dissatisfied, and to wish for those things, which, if obtained, would perhaps only tend to make them miserable. But, hark, we are called to dinner.

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